(d) if so, the details of efforts made by Government to persuade the States to have SHRC?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) There is an enabling provision in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for setting up of State Human Rights Commissions.

(b) According to available information, nine states have set up the State Human Rights Commissions.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(d) The Union Government has been writing to the concerned State Government, from time to time, to set up State Human Rights Commissions. The last communication addressed to the State Chief Ministers in this regard was issued on 18-01-1999.

Cases Pending Before HNRC

197. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases handled by HNRC, State-wise, so far;

(b) whether any cases are pending with the HNRC; and

(c) if so, how long it would take to decide them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) A statement containing the requisite information is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The pending cases are at different stages of consideration. It is not possible to indicate a specific time frame for their disposal. However, every effort is being made to decide the pending matters.

Statement

Statement Showing Number of Cases Handled by National Human Rights Commission State-wise

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 (from 01.04.98 to 31.01.99	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17	1643	326	481	811	447	3725
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	5	16	16	29	16	82
3.	Assam	11	75	106	119	198	123	632
4.	Bihar	36	566	1091	2413	3127	3183	10416
6.	Goa	—	8	14	27	41	21	111
7.	Gujarat	3	47	105	227	422	409	1213
8.	Haryana	7	161	273	525	1082	1049	3097
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1	28	35	81	16	117	428
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	132	147	317	400	234	1240
11.	Karnataka	11	83	117	217	398	321	1147
12.	Kerala	25	106	201	383	490	357	1562
13.	M.P.	43	464	718	932	2555	1702	6414
14.	Maharashtra	8	226	450	740	1730	1233	4387
15.	Manipur	3	19	49	81	48	31	231
16.	Meghalaya	2	9	8	18	14	21	72
17.	Mizoram	—	1	5	4	18	21	49
18.	Nagaland	—	4	31	67	27	7	136
19.	Orissa	51	247	497	708	725	425	2653
20.	Punjab	17	549	320	384	592	485	2347
21.	Rajasthan	24	295	448	981	1898	1529	5175
22.	Sikkim	—	1	6	2	5	2	16
23.	Tamil Nadu	61	654	1110	1064	1311	812	5012
24.	Tripura	—	7	23	19	33	15	97
25.	Uttar Pradesh	102	982	2679	8668	17638	15482	45551
26.	West Bengal	15	153	491	651	732	664	2706
27.	Union Territories	49	532	926	1389	2302	2138	7326
		496	6987	10192	20514	36792	30844	105825